

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

### **Opportunity to Comment on Whitestone Harbor Rock Pits Expansion EA**

The Tongass National Forest, Hoonah Ranger District, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Whitestone Harbor Rock Pits Expansion. The proposed action is to expand the two existing rock pits, located approximately 15 miles east of Hoonah, Alaska, from the current three acres to up to 10 acres each. The Responsible Official for this project is: Basia Trout, Hoonah District Ranger, P.O. Box 135, Hoonah, AK 99829. 907-945-3631.

The EA is available on-line at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49106>. The EA is also available for review at the Hoonah Ranger District Office, 430 Airport Rd, Hoonah Alaska.

Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Chris Budke, P.O. Box 135, Hoonah AK 99829 and [christopher.budke@usda.gov](mailto:christopher.budke@usda.gov).

#### **How to Comment and Timeframe**

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

Specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 days following the date of publication of this notice in the Juneau Empire, the newspaper of record for the Hoonah Ranger District. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for a proposed action documented in an EA. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only individuals or entities who submit timely and specific written comments about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. Persons submitting comments must provide the following information: name and address; title of the proposed project; specific written comments; and signature or other verification of identity upon request. Other requirements to be eligible to submit an objection are listed at 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.

Specific written comments to the Responsible Official may be submitted via mail, other delivery service, email, fax, or in person to: Chris Budke, Forestry Technician, P.O. Box 135, 430 Airport Rd, Hoonah AK 99829, [comments-alaska-tongass-hoonah@usda.gov](mailto:comments-alaska-tongass-hoonah@usda.gov), FAX #945-3385.

Business hours for hand delivered comments are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronic comments shall be in a format that is compatible with the current version of MS Word.

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